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Addressee: AAD-Acting Administrator

Addressee Org: EPA

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Signature: RA-R8-Regional Administrator - Signature Date: N/A
Region 8

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Subject: RE: TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY (ATSDR) TO FULLY STUDY THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITIES OF BUTTE AND ANACONDA

Instructions: RA-R8-Prepare draft response for signature by the Regional Administrator for Region 8

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

State-Tribal CNTL: N/A

CC: Carolyn Levine - OCIR-CA-LRET
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OLEM - Office of Land and Emergency Management

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date	Due Date	Complete Date
Cassandra Eades	OCIR	R8	Sep 27, 2018	Oct 11, 2018	N/A
Instruction:					N/A

Supporting Information

Supporting Author: N/A

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Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date
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History

Action By	Office	Action	Date
Kathy Mims	OCIR	Assign Sven-erik Kaiser as lead	Sep 26, 2018
Cassandra Eades	OCIR	Control Taken Over	Sep 27, 2018
Cassandra Eades	OCIR	Changed Signature AA-OCSP-Assistant Administrator - OCSP RA-R8-Regional Administrator - Region 8	Sep 27, 2018
Cassandra Eades	OCIR	Changed Instruction See Template RA-R8-Prepare draft response for signature by the Regional Administrator for Region 8	Sep 27, 2018
Cassandra Eades	OCIR	Assign R8 as lead office	Sep 27, 2018
Jody Ostendorf	R8	Accepted the group assignment	Sep 27, 2018

Comments

Commentator	Comment	Date
Cassandra Eades	Per Carolyn Levine: Please reassign this control to Region 8 for signature, cc: OLEM.	Sep 27, 2018

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September 13, 2018

The Honorable Andrew Wheeler
Acting Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Acting Administrator Wheeler,

I want to thank you for visiting Butte and Anaconda, Montana last week as these cities have been waiting for a proper environmental cleanup for far too long. It is not enough to simply visit these places, but strong, transparent action must follow. That is why I'm requesting that you work with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to fully study the health of the communities of Butte and Anaconda.

The residents of these two communities have significantly higher death rates from cancer and other diseases compared to other areas of the state, and this information must be thoroughly considered as you move forward with drafting a cleanup plan. The EPA cannot afford to overlook these health disparities because they have a direct connection to the economic strength and future of the communities. When our land and water are clean and our families are healthy, we will see businesses on Main Street thrive. So it is incumbent upon the EPA and the ATSDR to work together to complete a comprehensive assessment of the sites, so we can map out a plan to address the very serious health issues at play.

I would also urge you to keep open communication with the public as consent decree negotiations continue. The EPA must maintain the highest levels of transparency as cleanup decisions are being made. I appreciate your willingness to see these communities firsthand, and I look forward to working with you to ensure we protect and restore the health of Butte and Anaconda.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester

cc:

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